# **Yakima County**



# Bid Documents & Specifications For Bid No. C11217

# Pipeline Crawler Inspection Camera System Public Services Water Resources Yakima, Washington

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Yakima City/County Purchasing Division 129 North Second Street Yakima, Washington 98901 (509) 575-6093

December 6, 2012

# BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the undersigned that Yakima County Public Services Water Resources has received a grant from the State of Washington Department of Ecology and sealed Requests for Bids will be accepted on **Thursday, December 6, 2012** @ **11:00 a.m.,** in the Yakima County Commissioners Office, 128 North Second Street, Room 232, Yakima, Washington. Minority and Women owned businesses are encouraged to bid for:

# Pipeline Crawler Inspection Camera System Public Services Water Resources

Proposals shall be:

(1) Sealed.

(2) Plainly marked: Bid No C11217

(3) Addressed: Yakima County Courthouse

Board of Yakima County Commissioners Attn: Tiera Girard, Clerk of the Board 128 North Second Street, Room 232

Yakima, Washington 98901

(4) Bids must be in the Office of the Yakima County Commissioners on or before the bid time of 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 6, 2012 and will be opened shortly thereafter across the street at City Hall in the CED Conference Room, since City/County functions are now merged.

Specifications may be seen at the office of the Purchasing Manager, City of Yakima, 129 North Second Street, Yakima WA and/or the office of Clerk of the Board of Yakima County Commissioners, Yakima County Courthouse, 128 North Second Street, Room 232, Yakima, WA

Specifications may be obtained online at www.yakimawa.gov/services/purchasing Click on Bid Openings.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or parts thereof.

**DONE** this 19th day of November 2012.

(Seal)

Tiera Girard, Clerk of the Board

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C11217 Pipeline Crawler Inspection Camera System

# INVITATION TO BID -- NOT AN ORDER

BID NO. <u>C11217</u>	YAKIMA COUNTY	PLEASE BID ON THIS FORM.
	PURCHASING DIVISION	RETURN MARKED "NO BID"
DATE November 21, 2012	129 NO. 2ND STREET	IF YOU CANNOT BID,
	YAKIMA, WASHINGTON 98901	AND REASON IN ORDER TO
	PHONE 575-6093	REMAIN ON VENDOR LIST.
VENDOR		
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ADDRESS	BIDS WILL BE	RECEIVED
	LINITH	
	UNTIL_ 11:00 AN	l, December 6, 2012
	DID ODENING	44.00 AM December 0.0040
	BID OPENING	11:00 AM, December 6, 2012

# TO BIDDER:

PLEASE QUOTE YOUR LOWEST PRICE, BEST DELIVERY DATE, PROMPT PAYMENT DISCOUNT TERMS, AND F.O.B. POINT FOR THE FOLLOWING. THE COUNTY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS AND TO ACCEPT ANY OR ALL ITEMS AT THE PRICE QUOTED. THE COUNTY INTENDS TO AWARD THIS CONTRACT WITHIN 60 CALENDAR DAYS.

ITEM NO.	QTY	UNIT	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
			Yakima County Public Services Water Resources Division has received a grant from the Washington State Department of Ecology and is requesting Bids on a Pipeline Crawler Inspection Camera System, to be utilized by the Water Resources Department, per specifications or approved and accepted equal. Minority and Women owned businesses are encouraged to bid.	
			Technical Specification Analysis:  Each bidder shall complete the "TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION ANALYSIS" section of the Bid Call and same shall be returned with the vendor's proposal. Failure to do so will be cause for rejection of said proposal.	
			Vendor shall check "YES" if they do comply 100% with that particular specification, or "NO" if they do not. If "NO" is checked, vendor must explain in the "COMMENTS" column on the right how their specification deviates. Checking "NO" on any item will not necessarily disallow vendors bid. The City shall be the sole judge as to whether an exception is acceptable or not.	

YES		NO		COMMENTS		
		0	Provide Robotic Color Camera Inspection for 6", 8", 10" and 15" pipelines.			
		0	Command Module with digital USB recorder with 8GB USB drive, camera test port and 10' interconnect cable.			
			10.4" or larger Color LCD monitor with sunshade.			
		_	On-Screen digital footage.			
			Built-in keyboard for on-screen text.			
			4 Wheel drive motorized crawler.			
			Stainless Steel construction.			
			Variable forward and reverse speeds.			
			Auxiliary LED's for illumination in pipelines up to 15'.			
			Lowering device.			
			Motorized cable drum with synchronized rewind.			
			Ability to inspect pipeline 400 feet at a minimum.			
		0	Provide Yakima County staff local training for operation and maintenance of system.			
			Daylight Readable Monitor.			
1.	1	Each	Lump Sum for Pipeline Crawler Inspection Camera System.	SubTotal \$		
TO THE BUYER OF THE CITY/COUNTY OF YAKIMA: STATE SALES TAX\$(TAX RATE 7.9%)						
GRAND TOTAL \$						
F.O.B. POINT Yakima County Public Services Water Resources,						
Yakima Washington, 98901						
DELIVERY:  WE (I) WILL DELIVER COMPLETE THE ABOVE UNITS WITHIN  DAYS FROM RECEIPT OF ORDER AND AT PRICES AND TERMS SPECIFIED						
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.						

# **NON-COLLUSION DECLARATION**

I, by signing the proposal, hereby declare, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States

that the following statements are true and correct:

- 1. That the undersigned person(s), firm, association or corporation has (have) not, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the project for which this proposal is submitted.
- 2. That by signing the signature page of this proposal, I am deemed to have signed and have agreed to the provisions of this declaration.

# SIGNATURE SHEET BID No. C11217

The bidder is hereby advised that by signing this signature sheet he/she is deemed to have acknowledged all requirements contained herein.

PROMPT PAYMENT DISCOUNT TERM	MS OFFERED%
**Receipt is hereby acknowledged of add	dendum(s) No. (s), &
\$	SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL(S)
	Firm Name
	Address
.e0 —	Sign Name
PROPOSAL MUST BE SIGNED	Print Name
PROPOSAL	Date Signed
	Phone Number
	Fax Number
	E-Mail Address
	OMWBE Certification #

# YAKIMA COUNTY PIPELINE CRAWLER INSPECTION CAMERA SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS BID NO. C11217

## I. General

A. It is the intent of these specifications to describe Pipeline Crawler Inspection Camera System in sufficient detail to secure competitive bids. All parts, which are necessary in order to provide complete units, ready for operation, shall be included in the bid and shall conform in strength, quality of workmanship and material to that which is usually provided by the trade in general. Any variance from the specifications or standards of quality must be clearly pointed out in writing by the bidder.

# **Nondiscrimination**

**B.** During the performance of this Agreement, Contractor shall not discriminate in violation of any applicable federal, state and/or local law or regulation on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, creed, age, marital status, disability, honorably discharged veteran or military status, pregnancy, sexual orientation, political affiliation, or the presence of any sensory, mental or physical handicap, and any other classification protected under federal, state, or local law. This provision shall include but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment, advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, selection for training, and the provision of services under this Agreement.

# C. Right to Award

Yakima County reserves the right to make contract award on all groups of materials listed on the bid form or award based on any group or based on any combinations of groups.

# D. Right to Reject/Accept

Yakima County reserves the right to reject any or all bids or accept any presented which meet or exceed these specifications, and which would be in the best interest of the County and will not necessarily be bound to accept the low bid.

# E. New and Unused

All equipment, parts and material shall be new, unused, manufacturer's latest model and in current production. All materials shall have physical and chemical properties to withstand the intended service. Equipment design shall have sufficient excess capacity for durability and safety.

# F. Best Modern Practices

All work, including design, shall be performed and completed in accordance with the best modern practices, further, no detail necessary for safe and regular operation shall be omitted, although specific mention thereof may not be made in these specifications.

# G. Quantities

The County does not bind itself to purchase the full quantities stipulated in the proposal as estimates. The quantities shown as estimates are not exact and are given for the purpose of comparing Bids upon a uniform basis. Payment will be made only for quantities actually ordered, delivered, and accepted, whether greater or less than the stated amounts.

# H. More or Less

Quantities are estimated only and shall be bid on a MORE OR LESS basis. For the purpose of comparison, bids shall be made on the Pipeline Crawler Inspection Camera System in the quantities listed in the proposal. Listed quantities shall not be considered firm estimates of requirements for the year, nor shall the County be bound or limited to quantities listed.

## I. Evaluation

Evaluation of bids shall be based on net cost, past experience with proposed manufacturer's service availability, and parts availability.

# J. No Bids

Vendors who are unable to or do not wish to submit a bid, are encouraged to respond by notating their bid "NO BID" on page one of the "INVITATION TO BID - NOT AN ORDER" and return to the Yakima County Commissioners Office, 128 North 2nd Street, Room 232, Yakima, Washington, 98901.

# II. Special Instructions

# A. Due Date

Bid shall be submitted to and date stamped by the Office of the Yakima County Commissioners, 128 North Second Street, Room 232, Yakima, Washington 98901 by 11:00 A.M. on December 6, 2012 in a sealed envelope labeled Bid No. C11217 with the due date and time of opening written on it. If you plan on attending the bid opening, DO NOT BRING THE BID WITH YOU INTO THE OPENING ROOM. The bid must be received by the Office of the Yakima County Commissioners.

## B. Dealer Authorization

The Bidder, if other than the manufacturer, shall provide a current, dated, and signed authorization from the manufacturer that the bidder is an authorized distributor, dealer or service representative and is authorized to sell the manufacturer's products. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in bid rejection.

# C. Parts/Service Statement

Bidders must furnish with proposals, a statement covering length of time that parts and service are available after delivery and where such parts and service are available.

# D. Warranty(ies)

As applicable, contractor shall submit a copy of warranty with items delivered under this contract. Unless otherwise specified, full parts and labor warranty period shall be for a minimum period of one (1) year after receipt of materials or equipment by the Purchaser. All materials or equipment provided shall be new, unused, of the latest model or design and of recent manufacture.

# E. Expansion Clause

Any resultant contract may be further expanded by Purchasing in writing to include any other item normally offered by the vendor, as long as the price of such additional products is based on the same cost/profit formula as the listed item. At any time during the term of this contract, or any extension thereof, other County/City departments may be served under these same terms and conditions.

# F. Delivery/Delivery Acceptance

Delivery will be accepted by Yakima County Water Resources Office, 128 N. Street, Yakima, Washington, 98901, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, ready for regular and safe operation. Each bidder is required to list on the proposal and/or Bid form the number of calendar days he/she expects delivery to be made at the destination, in terms of time interval, following placement of order. Time of delivery is important and will be considered in the evaluation of the Bids. Failure to include a specific number of calendar days may be sufficient grounds for rejection of Bid.

# H. Unit Prices/FOB

Unit prices bid shall be net exclusive of all taxes; and must include all transportation, delivery and unloading costs fully prepaid F.O.B. destination, inside delivery.

# I. Invoicing Requirements

Vendor is to submit properly completed invoice(s) to the address specified on the purchase order. Each invoice shall include your OMWBE certification number if applicable. To insure prompt payment each invoice should cite purchase order number, bid number, description of item purchased, unit and total price, discount terms and include the vendor's name and return remittance address.

# YAKIMA COUNTY GENERAL PROVISIONS (A PART OF ALL INVITATION TO BID DOCUMENTS)

These General Provisions, the Specifications, the Invitation to Bid/Quote form and any attachments, constitutes the bid document, and will be considered as one document.

#### 1. Laws and Regulations

The contractor shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations pertaining to this contract. In addition, the contractor shall ensure that any subcontractor performing this contract shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations pertaining to this contract.

#### 2. Acceptance

The County reserves the right to reject any or all quotations, to waive any technicalities and informalities, and to accept or reject all or any part of this quotation at prices shown.

All bids/quotes must remain open for acceptance by the County for a period of at least 60 calendar days from the date of opening of the bids/quotes, unless otherwise stated.

#### 3. Bid/Quote Submittals

Bids and quotes shall be submitted on the attached forms only. Extra pages and literature may be added to this package; however, the package shall be returned intact as received.

All prices and notations must be typewritten or written in ink, with no erasures permitted. Mistakes may be crossed out and corrections written adjacent thereto, and must be initialed in ink by person signing quotation. Verify your quotations before submission, as they cannot be withdrawn or corrected after being opened.

If applicable, unit prices for all items, all extensions, and the total amount of bid or quote must be shown. In the instance of a discrepancy between the unit price and the total price, the unit price shall govern. Any pricing, configuration, or other errors discovered after bid/quote opening or quotation due date must remain and cannot be adjusted.

#### 4. Change Orders

Change Orders for material or services will be without effect unless issued and authorized in writing by the Purchasing Manager.

#### 5. Quality Standards

The brand names listed indicate the standard of quality required. Brands of equal quality, performance and use will be considered, provided the offer or specifies the brand, model and other data for comparison with their bid/quote. Yakima County will be the sole judge for approving other brands offered as equals to the brand specified. Bidders shall indicate if they are offering alternate brands in the space below each item and must provide descriptive specifications explaining the merits of the substitute item.

#### 6. Delivery

Time is of the essence and this order is subject to cancellation by Yakima County for Vendor's failure to deliver on time. For any exception to the delivery date specified in this order, Vendor shall give prior written notification and obtain written approval from the City/County Purchasing Manager. The acceptance by the County of later performance with or without objection or reservation shall neither waive the County's right to claim damages for such breach nor constitute a waiver of the requirements for the timely performance of any obligation remaining to be performed by vendor. All quotations shall include delivery F.O.B. destination, freight pre-paid, unless otherwise stated in this "Bid Call" or "Invitation to Quote" at the designated address set forth in the proposal given to each bidder. When shipping addresses specify room identification, Vendor shall make such delivery thereto without additional charge. If the County grants specific authorization to ship goods F.O.B. Shipping Point, Vendor agrees to prepay all shipping charges, route the goods by cheapest common carrier, and bill the County as a separate item on the invoice for said charges. It is also agreed the County reserves the right, at its sole option, to refuse COD Shipments.

#### 7. Identification

The purchase order number shall appear on all invoices, packing lists, packages, shipping notices and other written documents relating to this order. Packing lists shall be enclosed in each and every box or package shipped pursuant to this order, indicating the content therein.

#### 8. Payment

Vendor is to submit properly completed invoice(s) and mail to address specified at the time of order to insure prompt payment, each invoice should cite purchase order number, bid/quote number, description of item purchased, unit and total price, discount terms and include the vendor's name and return remittance address. Payment will be mailed within thirty (30) days of (a) the receipt and acceptance of the product or service and (b) a properly completed invoice.

#### 9. Risk of Loss

Regardless of the F.O.B. Point specified above, Vendor agrees to bear all risk of loss, injury, or destruction of goods ordered herein which occur prior to actual physical delivery to the County, and such loss, injury, or destruction shall not release Vendor from any obligation hereunder.

#### 10. Force Majeure

Vendor will not be responsible for delays in delivery due to acts of God, fire, Strikes, epidemics, war, riot, delay in transportation or railcar transport shortages, provided vendor notifies the Purchasing Manager immediately in writing of such pending or actual delay. Normally, in the event or any such delays (acts or God, etc.) the date of delivery will be extended for a period equal to the time lost due to the reason for delay.

#### 11. Rejection

All goods and any services purchased in this order are subject to approval by the County. Rejection of goods or services, resulting because of nonconformity to the terms, conditions, and specifications of this order, whether held by the County or returned, will be at Vendor's risk and expense.

#### 12. Approximate Quantity

The quantities listed are the County's current approximate requirements. Yakima County will neither be obligated by, nor restricted to, these quantities and may increase or decrease any item(s) ordered under this contract and pay according to the unit prices quoted in the Bid/Quote. If it is agreeable to both parties and prices have not changed and the same unit/materials are still available, additional units/materials may be ordered within 12 months of the signing of the original agreement.

#### 13. Cooperative Purchasing

The Washington State Interlocal Cooperative Act RCW 39.34 provides that other governmental agencies may purchase goods or services on this solicitation or contract in accordance with the terms and prices indicated therein if all parties agree. The County does not accept any responsibility or involvement in the purchase orders or contracts issued by other public agencies.

#### 14. Samples

Samples of items, when required, must be furnished free of expense to the County, and if not destroyed by tests will, upon request, be returned at the bidder's expense.

#### 15. Inspection

Cost of inspection on deliveries or offers for delivery, which do not meet specifications, will be for the account of the vendor.

#### 16. Hazardous Materials

If this order covers goods, which include hazardous chemicals, Vendor shall, at the time of product delivery, provide the County with copies of Material Safety Data Sheets for such chemicals. These sheets shall be in the form then required by applicable law or regulation (See WAC 296-62-05413). This requirement shall be in addition to whatever other requirements are imposed by law or regulation.

#### 17. Public Disclosure

Proposals shall become the property of Yakima County. All proposals shall be deemed a public record as defined in RCW 42.56 "Public Records." Any proposal containing language which copyrights the proposal, declares the entire proposal to be confidential, declares that the document is the exclusive property of the Vendor, or is any way contrary to state public disclosure laws or this RFP will be declared non responsive and removed from consideration. Any information in the proposal that the successful Vendor desires to claim as proprietary and exempt from disclosure under the provisions of RCW 42.56 must be clearly designated as described in Section Proprietary Information. The particular exception from disclosure upon which the Vendor is making the claim and the RFP page it is found on must be identified. RFP's will not be disclosed prior to release to potential respondents. With the exception of lists of prospective Vendors, Yakima County will not disclose RFP records until execution of the contract(s). At that time, all information about the competitive procurement will be available with the exception of: Proprietary/confidential portion(s) of the successful proposal(s), until the Vendor has an adequate opportunity to seek a court order preventing disclosure. Yakima County will consider a Vendor's request for exemption from disclosure; however, Yakima County will make a decision predicated upon RCW 42.56.

#### 18. Warranties

Vendor warrants that all goods and services furnished under this order are new, conform strictly to the specifications herein, are merchantable, good workmanship, free from defect, are fit for the intended purpose of which such goods and services are ordinarily employed and if a particular purpose is stated in a Special Condition, the goods are then warranted as for that particular purpose. Vendor further warrants that no violation of any federal, state or local law, statute, rule, regulation, ordinance or order will result from the manufacturer, production, sale, shipment, installation or use of any other goods. Vendor's warranties (and any more favorable warranties, service policies, or similar undertaking of Vendor) shall survive delivery, inspection, and acceptance of the goods or services.

#### 19. Re-Award

When the contract is terminated by the vendor upon 30 days notice as herein provided, the County may re-award the contract to the next most responsible bidder.

When a vendor is unable to supply goods and/or services to the County and is in breach of the contract, or when the contract is terminated by the County for cause as herein provided, the County reserves the right to re-award the contract to the next most responsible bidder.

#### 20. Errors and Omissions

The County reserves the right to correct obvious ambiguities and errors in the Bidder's proposal and to waive non-material irregularities and/or omissions. In this regard, if the unit price does not compute to the extended total price, the unit price shall govern.

#### 21. Late Receipt of Bid/Quote Documents

Bids and/or quotations and modifications received after the exact hour and date specified for receipt of bids and/or quotations will not be considered (i.e. if bid was due by 2:00 PM, any bids received after 2:00:00 PM will be rejected).

#### 22. Licenses

If applicable, successful vendor shall have a valid and current business license per Chapter 5.02 Section 5.02.010 of the Yakima Municipal Code covering this type of business and shall satisfy all applicable City Code provisions. Said license shall be obtained prior to the award of any contract. Inquiries as to fees, etc., should be made to the Office of Code Administration, telephone (509) 575-6121.

In addition, Contractors are required to be registered by the State per Chapter 18.27 of the Revised Code of Washington and their registration number must be listed on the bid/quote.

#### 23. Delivery of Unapproved Substitutions

Vendors are authorized to ship only those items ordered covered by the contract. If a review of orders placed by the County reveals that an item other than those covered by and specified in the contract have been ordered and delivered, the Purchasing Manager will take such steps as are necessary to have the item(s) returned to the contractor at no cost to the County regardless of the time lapsed between the date of delivery and discovery of the violation. Violation of this clause may result in the removal of the offending vendor's name from the County mailing list for a period of up to three (3) years.

# 24. "No Bids"

Vendors who are unable to or do not wish to submit a bid and are encouraged to respond by notating their bid "NO BID" on page one of the "BID CALL" and mailing it to the City of Yakima Clerk's Office, 129 North 2nd Street, Yakima, Washington, 98901, with the Bid/Quote due date and time written on the face of the envelope. It is the County's practice that if no response to a bid is received by a vendor after two consecutive mailings, the vendor will be deleted from our vendor's mailing list for that type of commodity item.

#### 25. Non-Collusion

The Bidder represents, by the submission of their Proposal, that the prices in this bid/quote are neither directly nor indirectly the result of any formal or informal agreement with another bidder.

#### 26. Evaluation of Bid/Quote

In the evaluation of otherwise responsible bids/quotes, the Bidder's experience, delivery time and responsibility in performing other contracts will be considered. In addition to price, the following may be considered:

- I. The ability, capacity and skill of the bidder to perform the contract and provide the services required.
- II. Whether the bidder can perform the contract or provide the service promptly, or within the time specified, without delay or interference.
- III. The character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience and efficiency of the bidder.
- IV. The quality of performance of previous contracts or service.
- V. The previous and existing compliance by the bidder with laws and ordinances relating to contracts or services.
- VI. The sufficiency of the financial resources and ability of the bidder to perform the contract or provide the service.
- VII The quality, availability, and adaptability of the supplies or contractual services to the particular use required.
- VIII. The ability of the bidder to provide future maintenance and service for the use of the subject of the contract.

#### 27. Taxes

The County will pay sales and use taxes imposed on goods or services acquired hereunder as required by law. The County is exempt from Federal Excise Tax. Where applicable, the County shall furnish a Federal Excise Tax Exemption certificate.

#### 28. Non-Discrimination

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

- A. The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, religion, age, marital status, disability, sex, sexual orientation or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the contracting officer setting forth the provisions of this non-discrimination clause.
- B. The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, creed, color, religion, age, marital status, disability, sex, or national origin.
- C. The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitment to non-discrimination, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- D. The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Yakima County and will provide on request evidence to substantiate compliance with non-discrimination clauses of this contract.
- E. In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the non-discrimination clauses of this contract or with any of such rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for any future Yakima County contracts.

#### 29. Termination - Convenience

This contract may be terminated by either party by giving thirty (30) days written notice of such intent and will become effective thirty (30) days from the date such written notice is delivered to the applicable party to the contract.

# 30. Termination - Cause

The County reserves the right to terminate this contract at any time, upon written notice, in the event that the services of the Contractor are deemed by the County to be unsatisfactory, or upon failure to perform any of the terms and conditions contained in this agreement. In addition to the foregoing right of termination, the County may terminate this contract, with or without cause, upon thirty (30) days written notice to Contractor.

#### 31. Delay of an Award

If, after bid/quote opening, administration problems threaten to delay award beyond the bidder's acceptance period, bidders shall be requested to extend the bid/quote acceptance period. This request must be made and confirmed in writing prior to the expiration date of their bids/quotes (with consent of sureties, if any) to avoid the need to re-advertise.

#### 32. Venu

In the event that any litigation should arise concerning the construction or interpretation of any of the terms of the Agreement, the venue of such action of litigation shall be in the Courts of the State of Washington in and for Yakima County. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Washington.

#### 33. Defense and Indemnity Agreement

The vendor agrees to defend, indemnify and save harmless Yakima County, its appointed and elective officers and employees, from and against all loss or expense, including but not limited to judgments, settlements, attorney's fees and costs by reason of any and all claims and demands upon the County, its elected or appointed officials or employees for damages because of personal or bodily injury, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons and on account to damage to property including loss of use thereof, whether such injury to persons or damage to property is due to the negligence of the Vendor, his/her subcontractors, it successor or assigns, or its or their agent, servants, or employees, the County, its appointed or elected officers, employees or their agents, except only such injury or damage as shall have been occasioned by the sole negligence of the County, its appointed or elected officials or employees. It is further provided that no liability shall attach to the County by reason of entering into this contract, except as expressly provided herein.

#### 34. Permits

The vendor shall procure and pay for all permits and licenses necessary for the completion of the Contract, including those permits required by Yakima County. In the event a necessary permit is not obtained, the Vendor will not be permitted to work on items subject to said permit and any delays caused thereby will not be subject to extra compensation or extension.

#### 35. Severability

If any term or condition of this contract or the application thereof to any person(s) or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other terms, conditions or applications which can be given effect without the invalid term, condition or application. To this end, the terms and conditions of this contract are declared severable.

#### 36. Waiver

Waiver of any breach or condition of this contract shall not be deemed a waiver of any prior or subsequent breach. No term or condition of this contract shall be held to be waived, modified or deleted except by an instrument, in writing, signed by the parties hereto.

#### 37. Entire Agreement

This written contract represents the entire Agreement between the parties and supersedes any prior oral statements, discussions or understanding between the parties.

#### 38. Protest Procedure

Any protest must be made in writing, signed by the protestor, and state that the vendor is submitting a formal protest. The protest shall be filed with the Yakima City/County Purchasing Manager at 129 No. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Yakima, WA 98901, faxed to 509-576-6394 or emailed to sownby@ci.yakima.wa.us. The protest shall clearly state the specific factual and legal ground(s) for the protest, and a description of the relief or corrective action being requested. **Protests before award** shall be filed five (5) days before the solicitation due date, and **protests after the award** shall be filed five (5) days after Award Announcement (see below for details). The following steps shall be taken in an attempt to resolve the protest with the vendor:

**Step I** Purchasing Manager and Department Head of solicitation try resolving matter with protester. All available facts will be considered and the City/County Purchasing Manager shall issue a decision. This decision shall be delivered in writing to the protesting vendor.

**Step II** If still unresolved, within three (3) business days after receipt, the protest may be appealed to the Board of Yakima County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners shall make a determination in writing to the vendor.

#### **Grounds for Protest**

Only protests stipulating an issue of fact concerning the following subjects shall be considered:

- A matter of bias, discrimination, conflict of interest:
- Solicitation unduly constrains competition or contains inadequate or improper criteria;
- Errors in computing score;
- Non-compliance with procedures described in the solicitation or County Policy.

#### **Protest Determination**

Each review and determination of the protest shall issue a decision that either:

- · Finds the protest lacking in merit and upholds the award; or
- Finds only technical or harmless errors in the acquisition process and determines the County to be in substantial compliance and therefore reject the protest; or
- Finds merit in the protest and provides options for correction, including, but not limited to, correcting the errors and re-evaluating the bids, reissuing the bid to begin a new process, or entering in to a contract that remedies the protest finding; or
- Makes other findings and determines other courses of action as appropriate.

#### <u>Timeframe</u>

Only protests and complaints received within the required timeframe for protest action are accepted for consideration.

#### Award Announcement

Purchasing shall announce the successful bidder via City/County Purchasing Website, e-mail, fax, regular mail, or by any other appropriate means. Once the announcement is released by Purchasing, the protest time frame begins. The timeframe is not based upon when the vendor received the information, but rather when the announcement is issued by Purchasing. Though every effort will be made by Purchasing to distribute the announcement to the interested vendors, Purchasing is not responsible to assure that vendors receive the announcement. It is the responsibility of the vendors to obtain the announcement from Purchasing.

# **Award Regardless of Protest**

When a written protest against making an award is received, the award shall not be made until the matter is resolved, unless the County determines that one of the following applies:

- The supplies or services to be contracted for are urgently required;
- Delivery or performance will be unduly delayed by failure to make award promptly;
- A prompt award will otherwise be advantageous to the County.

If the award is made, the file must be documented to explain the basis for the award. Written notice of the decision to proceed shall be sent to the protester and others who may be concerned.

The County retains the right to enter into any contract and nothing herein shall be construed to limit that authority in any manner.

#### 39. Qualified Bids

The General Terms and Conditions and Supplemental Terms and Conditions included in this bid document will govern the performance of the work. No other terms and conditions will be accepted. Bids that are conditioned in any way, or Bids that take exception in any way to the City of Yakima's General and Supplemental Terms and Conditions, may result in the Bid being considered non-responsive.

# 40. Proprietary Material Submitted

Any information contained in the bid/RFP submitted that is proprietary must be clearly designated. Marking the entire bid as proprietary will be neither accepted nor honored. If a request is made to view a vendor's bid, the City of Yakima will comply according to the Open Public Records Act, Chapter 42.17 RCW. If any information is marked as proprietary in the proposal, such information will not be made available until the affected vendor has been given an opportunity to seek a court injunction against the requested disclosure.

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